

CONSTRUCTION OF BUILDINGS ON GOVERNMENT
ISLAND, ALAMEDA, CALIF.

COMMUNICATION

FROM

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

TRANSMITTING

SUPPLEMENTAL ESTIMATE OF APPROPRIATION FOR DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF CERTAIN BUILDINGS ON GOVERNMENT ISLAND, ALAMEDA, CALIF.

FEBRUARY 17 (calendar day, FEBRUARY 21), 1931.—Read, referred to the Committee on Appropriations, and ordered to be printed

THE WHITE HOUSE,
Washington, February 21, 1931.

THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith for the consideration of Congress a supplemental estimate of appropriation for the Department of Agriculture for the fiscal year 1931, to remain available until expended, amounting to \$800,000, for the construction of facilities for the Bureau of Public Roads and Forest Service of the Department of Agriculture, and the Coast Guard of the Treasury Department, on Government Island, Alameda, Calif.

The details of this estimate, the necessity therefor, and the reason for its transmission at this time are set forth in the letter of the Director of the Bureau of the Budget transmitted herewith, with whose comments and observations thereon I concur.

Respectfully,

HERBERT HOOVER.

BUREAU OF THE BUDGET,
Washington, February 20, 1931.

SIR: I have the honor to submit for your consideration a supplemental estimate of appropriation for the Department of Agriculture, for the fiscal year 1931, to remain available until expended, \$800,000.

For carrying out the provisions of the act entitled "An act to authorize the construction on Government Island, Alameda, California, of buildings required by the Bureau of Public Roads and Forest Service of the Department of Agriculture and the Coast Guard of the Treasury Department," approved February 20, 1931, \$800,000, fiscal year 1931, to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That no part of the funds herein appropriated shall be expended until the United States has accepted title to land on Government Island, Alameda, California, conveyed under authority of joint resolution of July 3, 1930 (46 Stat. 1018) (submitted).

The purpose of this estimate is to provide funds for buildings to be erected on a tract of land comprising an area of 15 acres which the city of Alameda, Calif., has voted to donate to the United States under authority of a joint resolution of July 3, 1930 (46 Stat. 1018). This tract of land is located on an arm of San Francisco Bay and is admirably situated to meet the requirements of the Bureau of Public Roads and the Forest Service of the Department of Agriculture and the Coast Guard of the Treasury Department. At the present time these services are using temporary structures erected on Government Island by the Shipping Board during the World War. These structures are in a bad state of repair, are wholly inadequate for the present requirements, and must soon be removed because of the prospective termination of the lease covering the land on which they were erected.

It is proposed to erect for the Bureau of Public Roads an equipment depot, including a repair shop, where may be assembled such road-building equipment as is required in connection with the construction of Federal aid, forest highway and park roads in the States of California, Arizona and Nevada; for the Forest Service a suitable warehouse for storage and distribution of machinery and other equipment and supplies required in the construction and maintenance of roads and trails, and equipment and supplies necessary for fighting of forest fires in the national forests in California; for the Coast Guard shops for the repair of vessels and boats used on the western coast, storage space for different vessels, office space for the base commander's force, barracks and quarters for recruits and crews, including a sick bay and medical officers' office, and a marine railway on which smaller vessels may be hauled out for repair. In addition to these structures it is proposed that there shall be erected an administrative building for the joint use of the three services.

The foregoing estimate of appropriation is submitted in furtherance of legislation which has been enacted since the transmission of the Budget for the fiscal year 1931, and its approval is recommended.

Very respectfully,

J. CLAWSON ROOP,

Director of the Bureau of the Budget.

The PRESIDENT.

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